## **Patent Claims**

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- 12. Apparatus (1) for dispensing strips of adhesive tape (45) or the like with a take-up device (29) taking up an adhesive tape roll (30), with at least one transporting roll (22; 23) provided with a circumferential groove (48; 51) and with a folding roll (47) provided with a circumferential bulge (52), a first toothed rack (14) connected with a lever (8), which drives at least one transporting roll (22; 23), a cutting means (33), which can be activated by a second toothed rack (14') via a first gear wheel (38), characterised in that
- the two toothed racks (14, 14') are provided on both sides of the lever (8), that at least one of the toothed racks (14, 14') is guided in a lower sliding guide plate (20) provided in the lower part of the housing (2) and in an upper sliding guide plate (13) on the lever (8) in such a manner that during the downward motion of the lever (8) the toothed rack (14, 14') indirectly engages the transporting roll (22; 23) and the first gear (38) and said rack is disengaged for the upward motion.
  - Apparatus according to claim 1, characterised in that the transporting roll (22, 23) is connected with a gear wheel (27; 28) on the same axle, which is engageable with the toothed rack (14).
    - 3. Apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the first gear wheel (38) is rotatably supported resting against a tensioning spring (42).
- 4. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 through 3, characterised in that a second transporting roll (22) is provided, which can be driven by the first toothed rack (14).
- 5. Apparatus according to claim 4, characterised in that the second transporting roll (22) is provided with a circumferential groove (51), and that the two transporting rolls mesh together in a slightly overlapping manner.

- 6. Apparatus according to claim 5, characterised in that the two transporting rolls (22; 23) are knurled in axial direction.
- 7. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 through 5, characterised in that the cutting means comprises a lever arm (32) controlled by the first gear wheel (38) and a knife (33) arranged on the lever arm.
  - 8. Apparatus according to claim 7, characterised in that the lever arm (32) is rotatably supported in the housing at its end opposite the knife (33), and is provided with a sliding guide plate (36), which can be moved by a cam (37) on the first gear wheel (38) towards the transporting roll (22; 23).

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- 9. Apparatus according to claim 7 or 8, characterised in that the knife (33) is of triangular shape.
- 10. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 through 9, characterised in that the lever (8) is provided with a cam (11) for transporting the severed strip of adhesive tape.
- 20 11. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 through 10, characterised in that the roll (30) of adhesive tape with its take-up device (29), the transporting roll (22; 23) and the folding roll (47) are mounted on a common support member or insert (24), which can be inserted into the housing (2).